EMS Instructor Update Online February 7, 2013



- Handout for tonight's program available from our website. The path is:
 - www.vdh.virginia.gov\oems
 - Select "Education and Certification"
 - Select "Instructor Gateway"
 - Select "EMS Instructor Update Schedule"
 - Select "Handouts" in the row for tonight's program.
- This is a large file so start early.

Welcome

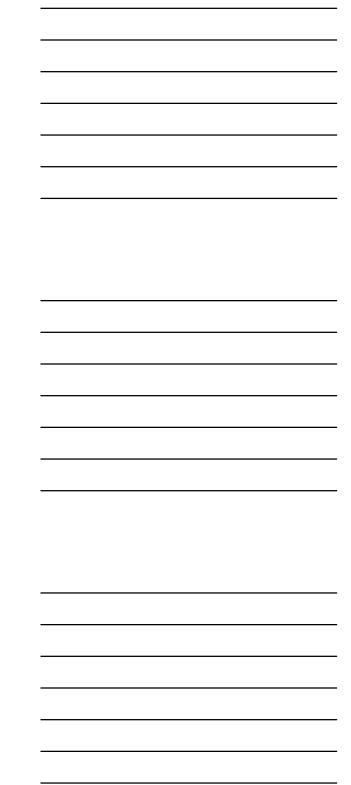


- It is important for you to do the following in order to make this call a success. Please:
 - do not use speakerphone
 - make sure you are in a quiet location
 - close your office door
 - turn off or mute your cell phone
 - turn off all radios, pagers and your computer speakers
 - you should probably use a land-line phone.
 OEMS does not reimburse cell phone charges for the update.

Online EMS Instructor



- Online EMS Instructor updates are composed of two distinct parts:
 - The online presentation of material via Genesys
 Conferencing Center, and
 - Completion of a quiz on TRAINVirginia
- You are highly encouraged to take notes during the presentation for use in completing the quiz.



Here is the skinny on the quiz: Taking the quiz will automatically record your update on your OEMS CE Report. It is composed of 20 random questions from a pool of 30. Passing score is 80%. You get two chances to pass the quiz. If you fail to successfully pass the quiz in two attempts, you will have to reregister to take the update again. It is OPEN BOOK so you should have access to all of the documents we reference in the update during the quiz. Answers to the quiz are not necessarily in these slides, but rather in the documents we reference or the discussions that take place in the update.

Objectives



 To create an environment where EMS Instructors/ALS Coordinators can:



- Receive updates on the new direction of EMS education to include the new National EMS Education Standards.
- Interact with OEMS Staff and each other about changes taking place in the realm of EMS education at both the state and national level.
- Encourage and foster an environment where instructors "get engaged" in EMS education and how it is delivered.

Transition to National Registry Testing

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Why did we change?

- Virginia no longer had access to certification exams that are validated, psychometrically sound and legally defensible
- Transitioning to National Registry allows Virginia to:
 - Standardize the entire initial certification process
 - Be fully compliant with the National EMS Education document

National Registry Exam Types

- NREMT exam types:
 - Five (5) certification exams
 - First Responder / EMR
 - EMT-Basic / EMT
 - Advanced EMT
 - EMT Intermediate/99
 - EMT Paramedic / Paramedic
 - Five (5) assessment exams
 - Assessment EMR
 - Assessment EMT
 - Assessment AEMT
 - Assessment Intermediate
 - Assessment Paramedic

National Registry Exam Types

- For certification in Virginia, most candidates will take one of the five (5) certification exams.
- Exceptions to this policy include but are not limited to:
 - Candidates under the age of 18
 - Virginia Intermediate candidates who test <u>after</u>
 December 31, 2013
 - Virginia EMS providers seeking recertification through testing after December 31, 2013
 - Virginia EMS providers in reentry or Legal Recognition <u>after</u>
 December 31, 2013

National Registry & Virginia Reciprocity

- On July 1, 2012, Virginia started to allow reciprocity for all National Registry certifications.
 - For Virginia students/candidates enrolled in a Virginia approved certification program, reciprocity will transition from a paper-based process to an automated process.
 - For individuals coming into Virginia from outside the state, reciprocity will continue to be paper-based. We require this to verify:
 - existing certifications and training
 - CPR credentials, and
 - to conduct background checks
- Individuals with out of state certification, but no NREMT certification will be granted Legal Recognition.

BLS Examination Cost

- The Virginia Office of EMS will cover the cost of the first attempt at the National Registry EMR and EMT cognitive exam for Virginia trained providers:
 - EMR Exam costs \$65.00
 - EMT Exam costs \$70.00
- If a candidate is a 'no show' to a National Registry exam, this will count as their paid attempt.
- If the candidate fails their first attempt, they will bear the cost of all subsequent attempts at the National Registry examination.

Which BLS exam will I take?

- For initial BLS certification courses that ended BEFORE July 1, 2012, candidates will take the Virginia written and practical certification exam.
 - Candidates testing under this method will continue in the Virginia testing series until all allowable test attempts are exhausted.

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Which BLS exam will I take?

- For courses ending on or after July 1, 2012, there are three components to the BLS testing process:
 - Virginia psychomotor exam (must be taken first)
 - NREMT cognitive exam
 - Reciprocity

Which BLS exam will I take?

- For BLS certification courses ending *on or after* July 1, 2012, Students will take:
 - Virginia psychomotor examination (must be taken first)
 - Candidates testing under this method will take the psychomotor examination in Virginia until all allowable testing attempts have been exhausted. Should they not be successful in the four (4) attempts allowed, they would be required to repeat an entire EMT course.
 - National Registry cognitive examination
 - Upon successful completion of the Virginia psychomotor examination, students will take National Registry cognitive exam the until all test attempts are exhausted. Students will fall under NREMT testing policies.
 - Reciprocity
 - Upon successful completion of the NREMT cognitive examination, the provider will receive certification in Virginia.

National Registry Exam Lengths EMR – 1 hr 45 m EMT – 2 hr AEMT – 2 hr 15 m Intermediate - 2 hr 30 m Paramedic – 2 hr 30 m

Students/Candidates Under 18

- The National Registry does not certify individuals who are under 18 years of age.
- Virginia EMR and EMT students/candidates who are under 18 years of age at the time of certification testing will be required
 - Register for an account on the National Registry website.
 - Register to take either the EMR or EMT <u>ASSESSMENT</u> examination.
 - Obtain a government issued photo identification.
- Assessment exam results will be electronically passed to Virginia for use in Virginia certification.
- The Office of EMS will be required to mark these students as being eligible for NREMT testing.

BLS Test Site Admission Criteria

- Virginia Psychomotor Examination (CTS)
 - State issued Eligibility to Test Letter from the EMS Portal
 - Variance and/or Accommodation Letter, if applicable
 - Government Issued photo identification or high school issued photo
- National Registry Cognitive Examination (Pearson VUE)
 - NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
 - NREMT Accommodation Letter, if applicable
 - Government Issued photo identification
 - Candidates who do not have a government issued driver's license will be required to have a U.S. Passport or government issued photo identification card. There are no exceptions to this policy.
 - DMV link: http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/citizen/id/index.asp

BLS Test Site Admission Criteria

- National Registry Cognitive Examination (Pearson VUE)
 - NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
 - NREMT Accommodation Letter, if applicable
 - Two Forms of unexpired valid Identification
 - · Government Issued photo identification
 - Candidates who do not have a government issued driver's license will be required to have a U.S. Passport or government issued photo identification card. There are no exceptions to this policy.
 - DMV link: http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/citizen/id/index.asp
 - · Second ID must include your Name and Signature

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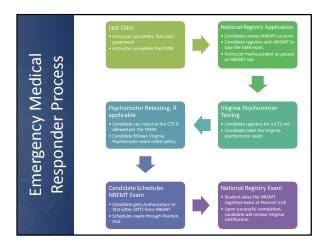
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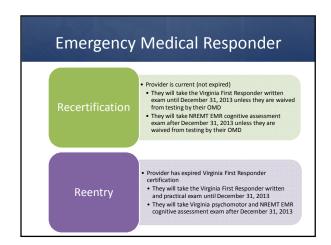
NREMT Accounts Are Private and an Individual Responsibility

- Like the EMS Portal, National Registry accounts are an individual provider responsibility.
 - The state cannot set up an account for a provider.
 - Employers cannot set up an account for employees.
 - Agency's cannot set up an account for members.
- If you are found to have set up an account for one or more providers or to have accessed or given access to your account or another individual's account, there are potential legal and certification ramifications for you and/or your agency.

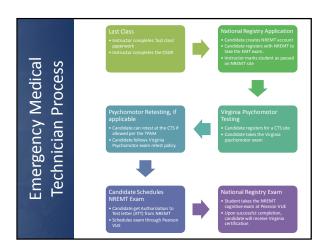
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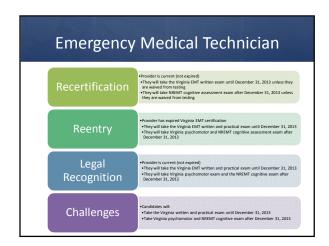




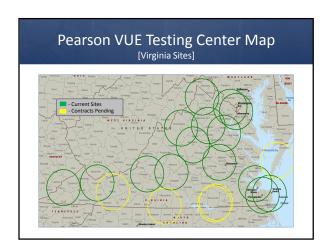


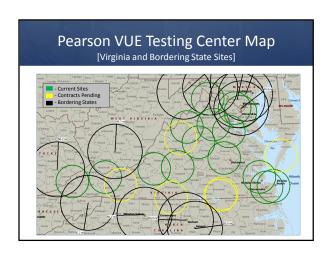












Pending Pearson VUE Testing Center Addresses

- Lord Fairfax EMS Council Winchester, Virginia
 - Application has been approved by Pearson VUE. Testing to begin in the near future.
- Eastern Shore Community College Melfa, Virginia
 - Contact continues
- Lake Country Advanced Knowledge Center South Hill, Virginia
 - Contact continues; Contract addendums
- · National College Danville, Virginia
 - Contact continues
- Southside Virginia Community College Alberta, Virginia
- Moving forward with application
- Wytheville Community College Wytheville, Virginia
 - Contact continues site awaiting space approval

What we are hearing is.... We con't do it. Research it first. They won't approve it. They won't ap

What we know is....

- National Registry EMT testing is new to Virginia.
- It has never been tried before on such a large scale at all certification levels.
- The way things were BEFORE is in the past.
- This change in testing method may require:
 - Adjustments to your course schedule/training calendar.
 - Modifications to the way you currently do business
 - Flexibility on the part of the agency and the provider

Think outside the box...

- How can the new testing process be broken when it has not yet been tried?
- To date, there have been no reports of problems with regard to access.
- · Keep an open mind.
- Keep the Office of EMS in the loop and provide us with your feedback.



Pearson VUE Seat Availability

- Example for Pearson VUE Professional Center in Chesapeake, VA—this site has 30 seats.
- Site opens 7:30 AM



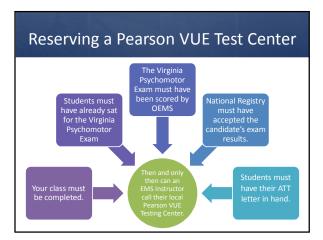
 Total of 90 seats per day, not including evening hours which could add 30 or more additional seats.

Pearson VUE Test Sites

- The student/candidate is solely responsible for:
 - accessing their Authorization to Test (ATT) letter from their NREMT account.
 - contacting Pearson VUE and scheduling the date/time they will take their exam.
 - securing (and bringing with them) the necessary documentation for admittance to the Pearson VUE Testing Center.

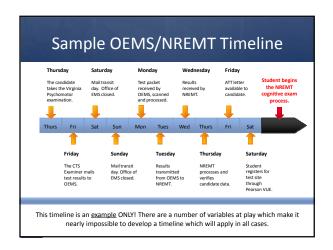
Reserving a Pearson VUE Test Center

- Pearson VUE Testing Centers CANNOT be reserved for bulk testing in advance.
- Please do not call Pearson VUE and inquire/demand this service.
 - Calls and e-mails messages regarding test site reservations are monitored and are referred back to National Registry and ultimately to the Office of EMS.



Recertification in Virginia

Virginia providers will not be required to keep National Registry!



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Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
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ALS Initial Certification Testing

- The testing method/process for ALS programs will vary depending on the certification level in question and the current date.
- The following slides detail the following ALS programs:
 - EMT-Enhanced
 - Advanced EMT
 - Intermediate
 - Paramedic

Process & Timeline



EMT-Enhanced Process

EMT-Enhanced students/candidates will see no change the current processes used for certification testing until October 31, 2014.

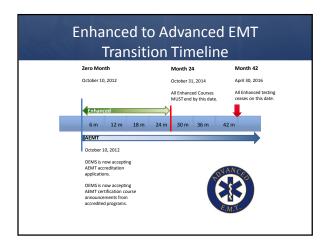


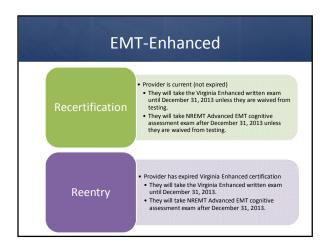
Upon successful completion of the Virginia EMT-Enhanced written and practical certification exams, students will be issued Virginia EMT-Enhanced certification.

EMT-Enhanced Process

Virginia will continue to allow EMT-Enhanced certification courses to be announced. All EMT Enhanced courses MUST END by October 31, 2014.

Enhanced certification testing will continue until April 30, 2016.



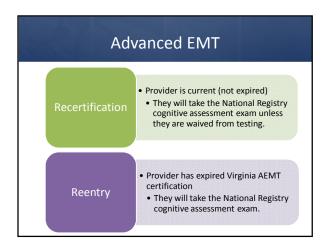




In order to conduct Advanced EMT certification courses, a program must be accredited.

Virginia is now accepting Advanced EMT accreditation applications.

Virginia is now accepting Advanced EMT course announcements from accredited training programs.



Process & Timeline



Intermediate Process

students/candidates will see no change in the current processes used for certification testing until

Intermediate Process

- Take the National Registry cognitive and psychomotor examination and complete the NREMT certification process.
 Virginia reciprocity will be automated and Virginia certification will be issued upon successful NREMT certification.

Testing after December 31, 2013

- Students/candidates will:
- Take the Virginia psychomotor examination and the National Registry cognitive assessment examination. Virginia certification will be issued upon successful completion of the exams outlined above.

Provider is current (not expired) • Will take the Virginia Intermediate written exam until December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing • Will take NREMT Intermediate cognitive assessment examination after December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing • Provider has expired Virginia Intermediate certification • Will take the Virginia Intermediate written exam until December 31, 2013 • Will take NREMT Intermediate cognitive assessment exam after December 31, 2013

Process & Timeline

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Paramedic students/candidates
will see no change the current
processes used for certification
testing.

Upon successful certification as
a National Registry Paramedic,
students in Virginia courses will
automatically receive reciprocity
and Virginia certification.

Provider is current (not expired) - They will take the Virginia Paramedic written exam until December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing - They will take NEEMT Paramedic cognitive assessment exam after December 31, 2013 unless they are waived from testing - Provider has expired Virginia certification - They will take the Virginia Paramedic written exam until December 31, 2013 - They will take NREMT Paramedic cognitive assessment exam after December 31, 2013 - They will take NREMT Paramedic cognitive assessment exam after December 31, 2013 - They will take NREMT Paramedic cognitive and psychomotor examination becoming a National Registered Paramedic.

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

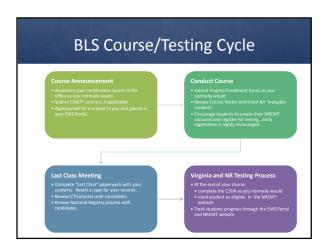
EMT Instructor Requirements

- EMT-Instructors are required to register on the NREMT website as *Program Directors*
 - This only applies to VEMSES qualified EMT Instructors
 - The Office will not approve non-VEMSES qualified instructors in the NREMT database
 - If the EMT Instructor currently has an NREMT certification, they can simply add a role to their existing NREMT account
- If you have not applied for your Program Director role with NREMT, please do so immediately.

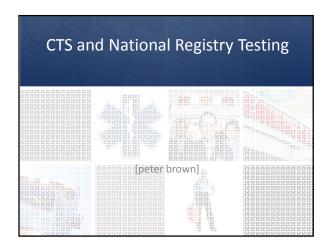
NREMT Account Quick Guides

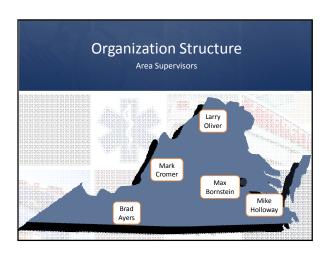
- The NREMT account functions similarly to the Virginia CSDR.
 - allows instructors to mark and track their students/candidates through the testing process
 - allows the Office to track outcome statistics per instructor.
- The Office has developed *Quick Guides* to assist EMT Instructors with:
 - Setting up their National Registry accounts
 - Authorizing/marking students as eligible to test with National Registry
 - Directions for use by students/candidates to create an NREMT account and register for their cognitive exam.

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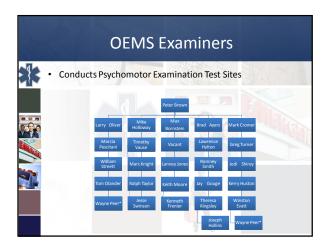


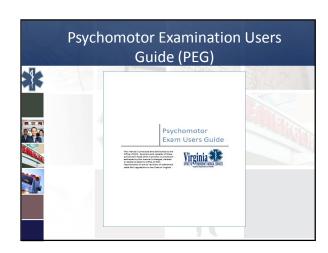






Area Supervisors Supervises and coordinates OEMS Test Examiners Works closely with EMS Councils and Training Facilities to support testing in their assigned area





Psychomotor Examination Users Guide (PEG)

- Combines and Updates CTS Manual and PUG
- In review process now
- Expected release before end of 2012
- Written for CTS and Accredited EMT Programs

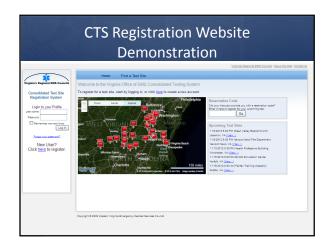
CTS Registration

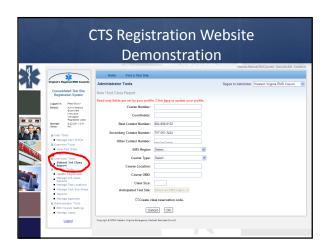


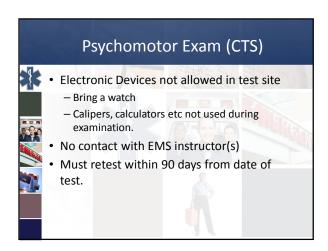
- Verify with your council that there is space available for your students at your anticipated test site before announcing your course to OEMS.
- Submit class enrollment forms to the Office of EMS
- Submit a "3rd Class Report" on CTS
 Registration Website to reserve space for your class.

CTS Registration Website Demonstration

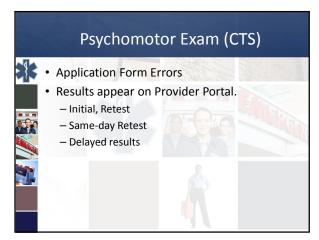








Psychomotor Exam (CTS) Retest opportunity Option decided by Examination Coordinator Feedback is pass/fail only on initial attempt. Retest results will not be shared at test site Retest results appear 24hrs after initial test results Harassment/Discrimination





2012 EMS Regulations and Training Program Administration Manual (TPAM) [warren short]

TPAM



- The TPAM recently underwent a major revision which went into effect July 1, 2012.
- The TPAM can be found at:
- http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/TPAM/home.htm
- Questions about TPAM policies/changes are fair game for the Instructor Update Quiz.

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

EM	S Portal: A	Agency Acc	cess
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EMS Portal: Agency Access



• Office of EMS launched a new EMS Portal module dedicated to EMS Agency administrators.



The Office notified the Chief Executive Officer of each Virginia licensed EMS agency with information on how to apply for access to the new

- More information on this new module can be found on the OEMS web page.
 - http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMSPortal -Agency.htm

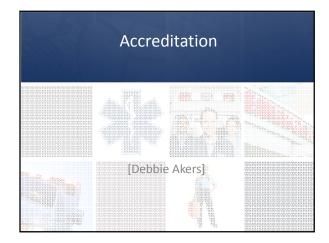
EMS Portal: Agency Access



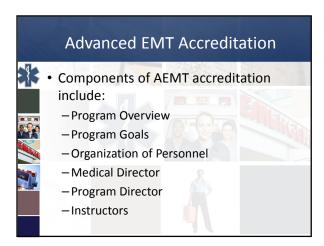
• Affiliation requests are no longer processed manually by OEMS staff or on the blue testing forms.



- · What does this mean?
 - All EMS Providers need to check their EMS Portal and verify that there affiliations are up-to-date.
 - Test waivers could be affected.
 - Participating in the EMS Training Funds program?
 - Instructors of initial basic programs need to ensure their students login to the EMS Portal and affiliate online with their EMS agency PRIOR to testing.



OPTIONAL EMT Basic Accreditation Became effective with the implementation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations on October 10, 2012. Information, the self study and applications are on the OEMS website. MANDATORY AEMT Accreditation Became effective with the implementation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations on October 10, 2012. Information, the self study and applications are on the OEMS website. Unless you are accredited, you will not be able to conduct AEMT programs.



Advanced EMT Accreditation Components of AEMT accreditation include: - Clinical/field Agreements - Preceptors - Financial Resources - Instructional Facilities - Student Relations - Program Evaluation

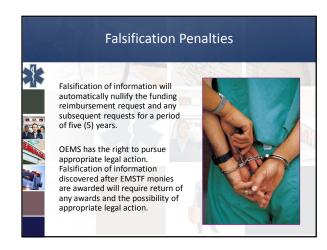
EMS Training Funds [debbie akers]

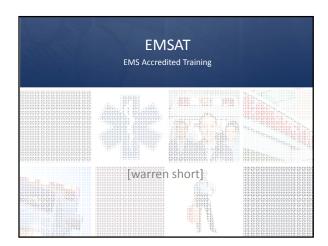
	EMS Training Funds
*	Scenario 1
	Let suppose
	You announced a 48 hours ALS CE program to the Office of EMS and submit an EMSTF contract for this course. Your course and funding contract are approved.
	You teach 25 hours of CE on this course number. You then invoice the Office of EMS and request payment for 48 hours of CE.
	Is this fraudulent? Is this ethical?

Scenario 2 Let suppose...... You have 24 students preregistered for an Enhanced course. You submit two (2) EMT-Enhanced courses to the Office of EMS and submit an EMSTF contract for each course. Your course and funding contract are approved. You split your students between the two courses in order to double your initial and second half funding payments. Is this fraudulent? Is this ethical?

Fraud /frôd/ Noun: 1. Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. 2. A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities.

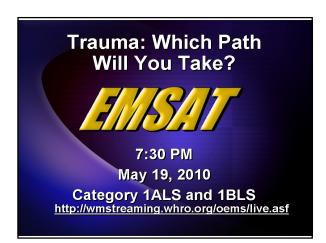
	EMS Training Funds
*	Sooner or later
	you <u>will</u> be caught
	Is it <i>really</i> worth it?



















VEMSES Implementation [greg neiman]

VEMSES Implementation Current EMT Instructors (c/s ALS-C) Current ALS Coordinators

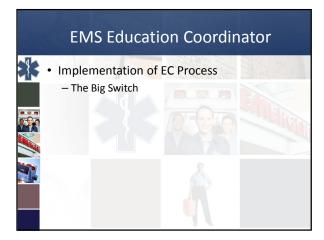
• Current EMT Instructors (c/s ALS-C) - MUST complete process prior to teaching a course based on VEMSES - Must take and pass Written Test • Current EMT Instructor Pre-test - 155 Questions with 5 Essay Questions - 200 points - ~30 questions on the exam are new - Rest came from 1990-1994 EMT-A exams » VALIDATED Questions with good discrimination

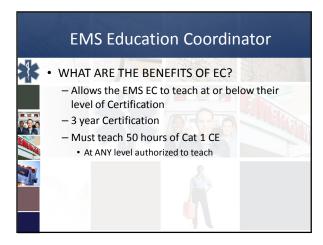
Current ALS Coordinators (only) Completion of testing is an OPTION Will not be able to announce/coordinate Initial ALS Training courses under the VEMSES without completing process Will continue to announce and coordinate ALS CE and "Merit Badge" Courses

• WHERE IS THE EXAM OFFERED? - Select locations with OEMS Staff - Consolidated Test Sites



EMS	S Educatio	n Coordin	ator
	[greg n	eiman]	





EMS Education Coordinator Current EMT Instructors (c/s ALS-C) • Must take and pass Written Test • All Instructors who have passed VEMSES Knowledge Exam will automatically become EC's (Oct-Nov) • Will then be allowed to announce/coordinate classes at or below their level of Certification • Instructors who pass VEMSES after "The Big Switch"......TBD

• Current ALS Coordinators (only) - Transition is an OPTION • Sunset Clause • Will continue to recert under current process • Will not be allowed to announce/coordinate any courses that award Cat 1 BLS CE • Have 4 years to transition − after that must start over

Current ALS Coordinators - Who choose to transition must: Take and pass written exam Take and pass practical exam Complete two-day Adult Education component of Institute* Successfully complete "Stand and Deliver" present a 15 minute presentation* * Candidates who possess current Fire Instructor I and/or MEd may be exempted from these requirements

• NEW EMS Education Coordinators • Prerequisites for certification as an EMS Education Coordinator are: • Be a minimum of 21 years of age. • Posses a high school diploma or equivalent. • Have three years medical experience with a minimum of two years field experience as an EMS provider at the appropriate EMS level or two years of current Virginia licensure as an RN, PA, DO, or MD. • Must not have any EMS compliance enforcement actions within the previous five years.

• NEW EMS Education Coordinators - Submit an EMS Education Coordinator application to include endorsement from an EMS Physician. - Receive Eligibility Letter to take and pass EMS EC written exam at CTS - Take and pass practical exam - Complete two-day Adult Education component of Institute* - Complete 2-day Administrative Course - Successfully complete "Stand and Deliver" present a 15 minute presentation* * Candidates who possess current Fire Instructor I and/or MEd may be exempted from these requirements * Held at the Instructor Institute * Held at the Instructor Institute

RECERTIFICATION 1. Maintain provider certification. 2. Teach a minimum of 50 hours of initial certification or Category 1 CE and documentation of completion submitted in a process established by OEMS. 3. Complete one (1) EMS Education Coordinator Update in the three-year certification period. 4. Submit an EMS Education Coordinator application to include endorsement from an EMS Physician. 5. Upon completion of the recertification requirements, the EMS education Coordinator will receive an "Eligibility Notice" and MUST take the EMS Education recertification examination. NO OMD WAIVERS ALLOWED!

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Virginia Certification Program Outlines The Office has published the new VEMSES based certification program outlines. These program outlines constitute Virginia's transition from the USDOT's NSC to the VEMSES. They are meant to be used in conjunction with: Virginia Scope of Practice Virginia EMS Education Standards

